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VEGF RESPONSIVE CELL-BASED

ASSAY FOR DETERMINING VEGF

BIOACTIVITY

Mail Stop AF

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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on November 4, 2003, and having an original period for response of three months, which expired on February 4, 2004, be extended by three month(s), such that it expires on May 4, 2004.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge the amount of \$950.00, as stated under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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